States have been released funds for implementation of the Act and related activities under Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) as requested by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). National Support and Monitoring Cell (NSMC) has been set up to network with the Appropriate Authorities, initially in the vulnerable States of Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Delhi and Chandigarh for strict implementation of the Act and follow up of the court cases.

Utilization of AIIMS fund

2061. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a large amount of AIIMS funds are being utilized for litigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that very little amount of funds are being utilized for research activities and academic activities of the institution; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NRHM through Panchayats

2062. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the role of panchayati raj institutions in implementing the NRHM;

(b) whether it is a fact that the PRIs are facing constraints in respect of finances and expert health workers in implementing the NRHM;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to overcome such constraints;

(d) how is the performance of PRIs in implementing the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) component under NRHM; and

(e) what measurable benchmarks were fixed for TSC and any such benchmarks have been met by PRIs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) No Sir. No formal assessment has been made as the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched in 2005-06. Involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions [PRIs] is to own and manage health facilities is a core strategy under the National Rural Health Mission. The NRHM provisions for flexible funds for the Panchayats through sanctioning untied fund to sub centres, funds to the Rogi Kalyan Samitties and the Village Health and Sanitation Committees and augmentation of manpower at the grassroot level through ASHA, Additional ANMs at sub centres etc. operating within the framework of PRIs. Besides PRIs are to be fully involved in the preparation of Village/Block and District Health Action Plans.

(d) and (e) Total Sanitation Campaign is not the component of NRHM. However inter sectoral convergence with TSC is envisioned under NRHM. Under the Total Sanitation Campaign, benchmark set for Panchayati Raj Institution (PRIs) is that they should be free from open defecation, all houses should have assess to sanitary latrines, all schools and anganwadi centres in government land should have toilet facility and there should be over all clean environment in the Panchayat area. During 2004-05 and 2005-06, 38 Gram Panchayats and 760 Gram Panchayats respectively have attained these benchmarks. These PRIs have been awarded Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP).

Exclusion of hospitals from CGHS panel

2063. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain private hospitals have been excluded from the CGHS's list for referral hospitals;

(b) on what basis such exclusion were made;